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MRS. HELEN KIRKPATRICK

Woman of Many Friends Succumbs to Brief Illness

Mrs. Helen Kirkpatrick, wife of George W. Kirkpatrick, of No. 278 Alexander street, died at her late home on Saturday after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, a son, Lyman B. Kirkpatrick; a daughter, Mrs. Burton D. Bagley; a sister, Mrs. Sarah Wilder, of Wichita, Kan., and five grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. Jane Haynes, of Jamestown, died in 1912.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was born in Westfield, N.Y., the daughter of Ansel Perkins and Elizabeth Boughton. She came of Huguenot stock and all through her life displayed many of the qualities of that sturdy ancestry. After a childhood spent in Victor she went in 1860 to Macedon and at once took a prominent place in the life of that community. With her sister, Mrs. Lyman Bickford, she founded the Universalist church there, and she continued her interest and benefactions up to the time of her death. For many years she was the sole owner of the Bickford & Huffman Company, which was Macedon's principal industry. Her carriage was constantly in service of the sick and poor.

In 1899 she came to Rochester. Her activity in church and charitable work has continued here in connection with the First Universalist Church, the Friendly Home and other institutional and private charities. Only a short time before her death she assisted in raising a fund for the Red Cross.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick made a host of friends in Rochester by her zeal and loyalty to everything that stands for the higher life of the city. All who knew her admired her broad and tolerant spirit, respected her for the positiveness with which she held to her convictions, and loved her for the unfailing cheerfulness which she brought to all her tasks of sympathy and goodwill.

The funeral will be held at the home of her son, Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, No. 11 Council Rock avenue, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The bearers are H.[Halbert] G. Brooks, E. P. Martin, John Sage, A. M. Lord, H.[Heman] W. Morris and S. E. Hunting. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery.

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Although expected for several days previous, the news of Mrs. Helen Kirkpatrick's death came as a great shock to her many friends in our church.

Few people in our local church or denomination have made themselves more generally useful than this loyal Universalist. After years of service by Mrs. Kirkpatrick in the Macedon church, built largely through the efforts of Mrs. Kirkpatrick and her sister Mrs. Lyman [Elvira Perkins] Bickford, the Rochester church was fortunate enough to be chosen as her religious home.

Together with her husband, Mr. G. [George] W. Kirkpatrick, she has been untiring in efforts to promote the general welfare of our church. It may not be generally recalled to-day that when the sale of the old church and the selection of the present site hung in the balance, it was a gift of one thousand dollars by Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick that carried the transaction through...

We shall miss her cheerful presence, her contagious optimism and her confident faith. But her spirit will live among us and heaven will seem more real because we hope to see her there.

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